CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN No. 99-709 TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors DATE: April 1999 FROM: Summer Food Service Program Unit ATTENTION: Authorized Representatives SUBJECT: Certifying Eligibility of Sites Serving American Indian or Alaska Native Children REFERENCE: USDA Summer Food Service Program Policy Memorandum #18-99

This Management Bulletin disseminates guidance for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors who wish to certify the eligibility of sites serving American Indian or Alaska Native children.

This policy simplifies the process for SFSP sponsors to reach needy children on reservations and tribal lands where the SFSP is underutilized. Effective immediately, sponsors may document eligibility by submitting information from a tribal authority that certifies the proposed site is located on a reservation, a trust land, or in an Alaska Native village where poor economic conditions exist. This documentation qualifies the site to operate the SFSP.

It is hoped that this reduction in paperwork will serve to increase the numbers of American Indian and Alaska Native children receiving the benefits of the SFSP. The California Department of Education encourages sponsors of the SFSP on American Indian reservations to share this information with tribal authorities who may be unaware of this valuable program.

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